(*b*) Is it not a fact that some time ago it fell to Rs. 56?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that poor people who have invested money in this security lose much on this account and the rich gain at their expense?

(*d*) To avoid hardship to the poor and also unpopularity in respect of the loans that may have to be raised in future, will the Government be pleased to see that the value of these securities is kept up by their purchasing the same in open market with the Sinking Fund at their disposal?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) The Government are not in a position to know the present value of the State debenture bonds as there is no regular market for the same. But, for the purchases made by Government for funds, etc., the rates ordinarily ranged from 85 to 95 per cent. of the face value.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware of these. The rules *re* debenture bonds provide for purchases and sales being made through the Financial Secretary to Government.

(*d*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I bring to the notice of the Government one instance, at any rate, *viz.*, that in which Mr. T. Padmanabha Rao purchased the Travancore debenture bonds to the value of two lakhs of rupees?

PRESIDENT: It is not a supplementary question. You must put it in the form of a question for obtaining information.

Fee Concession to Panars.

97. Mr. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Keraliya Panar community has prayed for concessional rates of school fees being allowed to the pupils of that community?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Government declined to grant the prayer?

(*c*) Considering the poor and backward condition of that community, will the Government be pleased to extend the concession to the pupils of that community also?

Mr. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*). The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter will be re-examined.

Seeds of Nitrogenous plants.

98. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to ask the Agricultural Department to purchase seeds of nitrogenous plants for green manure and to distribute them free to the ryots?

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